Employment Guarantee Scheme

†1706. SHRI MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD.

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a warning with regard to Employment Guarantee Scheme has been published by the National Council of Applied Economic Research;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards this warning; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) The Government is aware that the National Council of Applied Economic Research in their Monthly Report 'MACRO TRACK' of June, 2004 has published an Article, *inter-alia*, containing an assessment of cost involved in implementing of 100 days of Employment Guarantee Scheme.

The Government is already in the process of formulating a National Employment Guarantee Act to guarantee 100 days of employment in a year to one able bodied person in every poor household.

Illegal foreign job recruitment racket

1707. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal foreign job recruitment racket is flourishing in certain States like Kerala and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether agents after extracting huge amounts from unemployed, desperate to find jobs in the foreign countries of promise, often fall prey; and

(c) if so, the measures proposed to stop such rackets at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) There is no such information.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) and (c) Such complaints are received from time to time. As and when such complaints are received against registered recruiting agents, the concerned recruiting agent is directed to settle the matter. If the agent fails to settle the complaint, action is taken to suspend and thereafter cancel the registration certificate. In case of unregistered agents, the matter is referred to the concerned Police Authorities for taking action against them for violation of the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983.

Employment Commission

1708. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint an Employment Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof including tenure, terms of reference and the personnel of the proposed Commission; and

(c) by when an announcement to this effect would be made?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) The Ministry of Labour and Employment has no proposal to set up an Employment Commission.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Indo-US Cooperation on eliminating child labour

1709. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry and US Department of Labour have recently developed Indus Project under ILO-IPEC in February as a follow up of the joint statement on 'Enhanced Indo-US Cooperation in eliminating child labour';

(b) if so, the aims and the objectives of the project and the measures being taken under the said project for prevention and elimination of child labour in hazardous sectors in the country and for rehabilitation of child labour; and